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Ms. SPEIER and Mr. GOTTHEIMER changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mrs. MURPHY of Florida, and Mr. BILIRAKIS changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 8 on H. Res. 682, the rule providing for consideration of S. 139, the FISA Amendments Reauthorization Act of 2017, I am not recorded due to my attendance at a briefing on airport security. Had I been present, I would have voted “no.”

□ 1615

HONORING DON YOUNG AS DEAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for a very happy purpose, and it is to recognize the Honorable DON YOUNG of Alaska as the new dean of the House of Representatives.

The tradition of having a dean dates back centuries to the House of Commons. It is an honor that goes to our longest continuously serving Member.

DON YOUNG is one of only 28 Americans in the history of this Nation to serve more than 40 years in this House. As you can see, he has a very bright future ahead of him.

DON, I want to be clear at the outset that there are limits to the dean's duties. For instance, you cannot hang a bearskin in the House Chamber. You still cannot reserve seats.

The dean has the responsibility of swearing in the Speaker. Remember, that is swearing in the Speaker, not swearing at the Speaker.

This milestone is not just a matter of longevity, but the word that comes to mind when you think of DON YOUNG is “loyalty.” This man is fiercely loyal. DON YOUNG is fiercely loyal to Alaska.

He fights hard for what he believes is right. Just look at ANWR. I know it is controversial. We have been talking about doing tax reform for 30-plus years here. DON YOUNG has been working on ANWR for 45 years. When we passed H.R. 1 in the House, that was the 13th time he passed an ANWR bill, and it finally made it into law.

Achievements like this just don't happen overnight. They require leaders willing to carry the torch, come what may. As we all know, DON YOUNG is not the kind of guy that is going to let anything—or anyone—get in his way.

He is loyal to his family and his friends, which includes many, many Members of this body. He can be direct, but you always know where he stands,

or, more importantly, you always know where you stand with him.

But most of all, as our dean, DON YOUNG is loyal to this institution. That, we all know. Decades on, DON YOUNG believes as much as anyone in the value of the work that we do here. As DON, himself, so characteristically put it: “those who think . . . I might retire, you can forget it. I like what I do.”

DON YOUNG is a man of this institution. He believes in this institution. He believes in the work that we do.

So, on this, his 16,374th day in the House, we extend our congratulations to DON, to Anne, and to their entire family.

I thank DON YOUNG for his service to Alaska and to this country.

HONORING CONGRESSMAN DON YOUNG

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join our distinguished Speaker in honoring Congressman DON YOUNG, who ascends to the position of dean of the U.S. House of Representatives following nearly 45 years of proud service on behalf of the people of Alaska. Congressman YOUNG also holds the distinction of serving as the first dean of the House from the Republican Party in 80 years.

Congratulations.

On behalf of the Democratic Caucus, I extend my congratulations to DON; his wife, Anne; and his entire family.

Despite our differences, it is clear that DON cares deeply about our Nation. DON serves because, in his words, he is “enthusiastic about meeting people and trying to solve their problems.”

As a former teacher, he is an advocate for quality education for all. As a former U.S. Army tank operator, he believes in ensuring that servicemembers, families, and veterans have the care they have earned. In honor of his late, beloved wife, Lu Young, he has been a champion for the Native children of Alaska.

The motto of the State of Alaska is “North to the future.” In his commitment to progress and better futures for the people of Alaska, DON honors those words.

The dean of the House has the honor of administering to the Speaker, as the Speaker indicated, the oath of office, which begins: “I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic.” As dean, Congressman YOUNG will now have the special responsibility not only of defending the Constitution, but of defending the integrity and dignity of this institution, which he has done all along.

Following in the footsteps of great leaders before him—Sam Rayburn, John Quincy Adams, Carl Vinson—it is now DON's solemn duty to help foster a

climate of civility in the Congress and to hold our colleagues accountable for behavior beneath the standards of this body.

I told DON I would tell you this story when I just congratulated him. He has been very helpful to us in making the Presidio go from an Army post to a special kind of national park. I hope he considers establishing the Presidio in San Francisco part of his legacy. We would love to welcome him and honor him in San Francisco anytime he is ready for that.

But in the course of our conversations over those times, I noticed one day that DON had on this beautiful tie. It had a bald eagle and a baby seal on it. It had these beautiful animals on it. I said: DON, what a lovely, beautiful environmental tie you have on.

He said: I call it lunch.

Again, we know that DON YOUNG will always honor the important obligations, as he always has, and now his new obligation as dean of the House of Representatives. That is historic.

I congratulate him and thank him for his service.

SERVING THE PEOPLE OF ALASKA

(Mr. YOUNG of Alaska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, first, let me thank the Speaker and the minority leader for their introductions.

I have been in the House for 45 years, with nine Speakers and nine Presidents. I have been in this House with 2,000 Members who have left. I love this body.

I can suggest one thing: My greatest honor has been being able to achieve results for my State. I am the only Congressman from the whole State of Alaska, and I love it. It is my responsibility to represent the State and this House as the single person to do the job that I have been asked to do.

One of the things that I have enjoyed is the friendships. I don't think there is an enemy in the House. I worked across the aisle. Jimmy Oberstar and I never had an adversarial vote at any one time on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. Now, when George Miller was the minority member, we had a lot of arguments and a lot of disagreements, but we hunted together and we ate together.

I believe in bipartisanship. I believe in this body to lead this Nation. Nine Presidents, the House has its job to do regardless of who the President is.

I thank my wife, who is in the audience up there in the gallery. A man gets lucky usually once in his life. I got lucky twice. My past wife was with me for 46½ years. My new wife has been with me about 8 years now. I want the State to pay her because she keeps me alive. And she likes what I do.

I want to thank my colleagues. Being the dean will not change me. I will still holler, “Vote.” I will sometimes get out of line. But in doing so, remember,